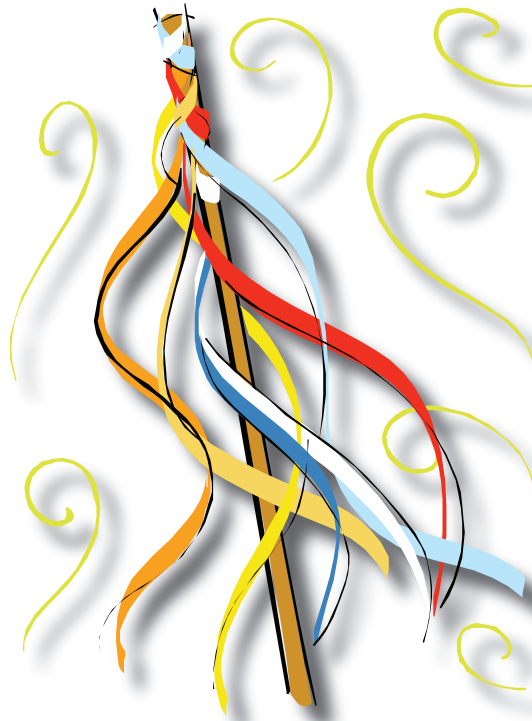


# 2006 Prevent Child Abuse & Neglect Conference

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## "Weaving a Community of Prevention"

*Sponsored by: DPHHS, Child & Family Services Division  
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**April 25-27, 2006**  
**Red Lion Colonial Hotel**  
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# **About DPHHS ~ Child & Family Services Division (CFSD)**

The mission of Child and Family Services Division is to keep children safe and families strong. CFSD provides state and federally mandated protective services to children who are abused, neglected, and/or abandoned. CFSD receives and investigates reports of suspected child abuse and neglect, provides protective care for children, assists families in addressing safety concerns for their children, trains and supports foster/adoptive parents, and ensures long-term permanent placements for children who cannot return home. CFSD also provides in-home services to families and education in domestic violence prevention.

## **Annual Prevent Child Abuse & Neglect Conference**

The Annual Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect Conference in Montana offers a three-day venue with a variety of presenters and topics. The goal of the Conference is to provide training and education in current prevention efforts and other areas of child welfare practice to social workers, foster/adoptive parents, attorneys, service providers, and other community professionals.

Several disciplines are represented by the presenters, who include researchers, educators, authors, clinicians, consultants, legal professionals, service providers, law enforcement personnel, and motivational speakers. The Conference staff is excited to offer an extensive selection of topics to choose from concerning practice issues and prevention, intervention, and treatment efforts in child abuse and neglect cases. We hope that you will join us in “Weaving a Community of Prevention” as we discuss current issues facing the children and families that we work with.



### **Conference Offerings**

The 2006 Prevent Child Abuse & Neglect Conference offers four general session KeynoteSpeakers throughout the three days as well as numerous breakout sessions to choose from. In addition, on Tuesday, we will enjoy a luncheon with entertainment by Allegro School of Dance, an artistic ballet dance group. Wednesday is jam packed with numerous breakout sessions by presenters from around the nation followed by a reception during the evening with hors d'oeuvres and flute music by Walter Runsabove. Finishing the conference on Thursday is the Celebration of Children Breakfast with many state and local dignitaries in attendance, followed by one last Keynote speaker and door prizes afterwards.

*The following continuing education credits are being applied for: CEU, CLE, POST, OPI.*

### **Informational Booths**

The 2006 Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect Conference is proud to offer an excellent opportunity for participants to promote new working relationships, exchange information and ideas, and network with providers from around the state by offering informational booths.

To register to be a vendor, please contact us at 406-444-1672 or 406-444-5976.



### **Conference Staff & Committee Members:**

Lisa Benevides, MSP, CFSD Training Officer; Jeni Semans, LCSW, CFSD Training Officer; Kathy Munson, CFSD Office Manager; Bruce Deitle, CFSD Program Bureau Chief, Sherri Rafter, MT Supreme Court Administrator's Office; Ellen Bush, CASA; Shirley Tiernan, MT Council for Families; Janet Chilcote, MT Council for Families; Betty Hidalgo, MT Children's Trust Fund, Laura Taffs, CFSD Adoption Specialist; Bette Hall, CFSD Grants/Program Administrator; Heather Winters, CFSD Independent Living; Samantha Walsh, CFSD Program Specialist, and Marcia Dias, CFSD Program Officer.

# Conference Agenda

**Tuesday, April 25, 2006:**

**Registration: starts at 8:00 am each day**

Sign up for Continuing Education Credits at the Registration Tables.

**Luncheon: 11:30 am – 1:45 pm**

**Entertainment (12:00 pm – 1:00 pm):**

*Allegro School of Dance,  
Artistic Ballet Group*

*Artistic director and Helena native Beth Barry and her husband Mark Barry founded Allegro School of Dance in 1992. Allegro is committed to giving dancers a quality dance education and a chance to fulfill their dance goals without sacrificing the dancer's quality of life or self-confidence regardless of talent or ability.*

*They emphasize the importance of healthy balance in the dancers' lives and feel a strong commitment to helping families raise, healthy, confident future leaders.*

**Keynote Presentation:  
2:00 - 4:45 pm**

**Allison Turkel, Senior Attorney**

**Chief of Training, American Prosecutor's  
Research Institute, National Center for the  
Prosecution of Child Abuse**

*What You Do Does Matter: Unto a Third Generation,  
A Call to End Child Abuse in the United States  
within 120 Years*

*Each professional involved in the fight against child abuse makes a difference with each case that they handle, each child that they provide services to, each child they remove from an abusive environment and with each prosecution that holds the abuser responsible for violating our most precious resource. Yet, the work can be frustrating, overwhelming and depressing.*

*Based on Victor Vieth's "Unto a Third Generation" paper, this keynote presentation will detail the accomplishment we have made so far in the fight against child abuse and will provide an overview of a plan to eradicate child abuse within 120 years. This plan addresses mandatory reporting, improved training for first responders, a national initiative on forensic interviewing and offers a solution that is global as well as personal. Furthermore, strategies for working effectively in multidisciplinary teams will be discussed.*

**Dinner: 4:45 – 7:00 pm  
(on your own)**

**Keynote Presentation:  
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm**

**Regina Kupecky, LSW**

**Attachment & Bonding Center of Ohio**  
*My Brother, My Sister: Sibling Relations in  
Adoption & Foster Care*

*Sibling relations have been an important but often ignored issue in adoption and foster care for many years. Reunification and kinship placements have received much attention in the field. At the same time, the needs of very close kin, siblings, are often shuffled to the rear. In this session, the importance of siblings throughout an individual's lifespan and the benefits experienced by children when placed with their siblings will be discussed. This information and knowledge will help us better plan for the best interests of children as well as their siblings.*



**Wednesday, April 26, 2006**  
**Breakout Session 1: 8:30 – 10:00 am**

**Linda Chezem**

*Working with the Alcoholic Adult in Child Protection*

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism is the leading alcohol research agency for the United States. The NIAAA Social Work curriculum contains evidence-based information on family dynamics, recidivism rates, research on successful interventions/treatment, what children experience in the alcoholic family, best practices in working with alcoholic clients, etc. We will review this curriculum to help identify how social workers can engage families who struggle with alcohol abuse & dependency better – what do we need to know? We will also learn about the brain and genetics and the relationship to human development. Participants will identify problems caused by alcohol in caring for children and will learn how to apply the research from NIAAA in their work in child protection services.

**Regina Kupecky**

*My Brother, My Sister: Sibling Relations in Adoption & Foster Care (Part 1 of 2)*

In this session participants will become aware of the common reasons siblings get separated in adoption and foster care and will be able to identify valid and invalid reasons for the separation of siblings in placement. Grief and loss issues experienced by children in the child welfare system who have lost siblings will be explored and participants will be able to identify common triggers to grief in connection to being separated from siblings.

**Allison Turkel**

*Preparing Children for Court... and the Court for Children*

Now that the investigation is done and court is imminent...what is the child expecting? Has television increased their knowledge of the courts or contributed to their apprehension of testifying? What can we do to make the process less of a mystery and prepare not only the child for court, but also their caregivers and the court for children? Come learn about linguistics, memory and suggestibility, preparation techniques and strategies for making the court room more child friendly.

**Randi Hankins**

*Medication's Brave New World: Second Generation Neuroleptics With Children & Adolescents*

Originally developed as atypical antipsychotics, meds such as Abilify, Seroquel, Geodon and others are finding increasing use as mood stabilizers, antidepressants and antianxiety medications. Learn the mechanisms of action as well as the benefits and side effects of these meds as their use rapidly expands in child and adolescent populations.

**Andrea Hammond & Karen Lane**

*The War at Home: The Effects of Domestic Violence on Children*

This session will examine the emotional, verbal, and physical battlefield that is domestic violence including the long range implications that being raised in this environment can have on children's development: emotionally, cognitively and physically. Includes hands-on tools for screening for domestic violence, responding appropriately to children's disclosures, and tools for working with community partners and non-offending parents. Primary prevention that goes beyond working with the survivors in providing a community accountability model for all aspects of healthy child development will also be examined.

**Adoption/Foster Care Support Group Panel**

*How do you build a successful support group for foster and adoptive parents? What works and what doesn't?*

Members from adoption/foster care support groups from around the state share their success stories. Learn what creative approaches and activities these groups have utilized in supporting one another as they manage their way through the rewarding, yet often complex world of resource parenting.

**Diane Baird**

*Visitations in Child Welfare – Building Health vs. Reinforcing Pathology (Part 1 of 2)*

Foundations for Supervised Visitations - Caution: Myths may be debunked in this session! Come learn how visitations can be used to rehabilitate the parent-child relationship and how your observations can help set goals and define intervention strategies for parents. Child abuse and neglect can be seen as a disorder in the attachment relationship between the parent and child; visitations can be an extremely powerful treatment modality in repairing this attachment. Specific developmental considerations for infants and toddlers will be addressed.

## **Nancy Underwood Long**

### *The METH Epidemic*

The Meth Epidemic is affecting all of us. This session will provide social workers, foster parents, kinship care providers, adoptive parents, and administrators with educational tools that they can use in: recognizing a Meth lab, reporting a Meth lab, and identifying how Meth affects our children. Specific topics include: Meth and Crime – The Who, What, Where, and Why; Meth Labs – Methods, Signs, Dangers, Property Owners and Clean-up; Drug Endangered Children – Risk, Susceptibility and Effects, Treatment, Family Drug Courts, Prevention, Education, Enforcement, Legislation and Meth Watch.

**Wednesday, April 26, 2006**

**Breakout Session 2: 10:15 – 11:45 am**

## **Linda Chezem**

*Working with the Alcoholic Adult in Child Protection* - Same as Breakout Session 1 – repeated.

## **Regina Kupecky**

*My Brother, My Sister: Sibling Relations in Adoption & Foster Care (Part 2 of 2)*

What are the benefits of placing siblings together? Learn about these benefits and how to better plan for the best interests of the child as well as their siblings. Specific issues in adopting sibling groups will be discussed and identifying services that families might need when parenting sibling groups.

## **Allison Turkel**

*When a Child Takes it Back: Recantation in Child Abuse Cases*

A child may recant for a variety of reasons, including secrecy, inducements by perpetrators, lack of support from the non-offending caregiver, societal attitudes regarding the sexual abuse of children, or the child's interactions with professionals within the criminal justice system. In this session the dynamics of child sexual abuse will be delineated so that prosecutors and their colleagues can properly prepare for and react to a recantation. A recantation creates a new investigation, because most often there has been some sort of intervention. Investigation and prosecution strategies will be discussed.

## **Randi Hankins**

*Medication's Brave New World: Second Generation Neuroleptics With Children & Adolescents*

Same as Breakout Session 1 – repeated.

## **Andrea Hammond & Karen Lane**

*The War at Home: The Effects of Domestic Violence on Children* - Same as Breakout Session 1 – repeated.

## **Foster Youth Panel**

Montana foster youth speak out about their personal journeys through the foster care system. Listen as they share their stories of adversity, hope, and growth and learn how we can better serve children in care based on their experiences – both positive and negative. What can we learn from these youth? Perhaps more than we can anywhere else!

## **Diane Baird**

*Visitations in Child Welfare – Building Health vs. Reinforcing Pathology (Part 2 of 2)*

Skill Building for Visitation Supervisors – This session will build on the information learned in Session 1 and will provide practical skills for intervention in supervised visitations. Videotaped sessions of visitations will help the participant learn intervention strategies in assisting parents in repairing their attachment with their child and with each other.

## **Nancy Underwood Long**

*The METH Epidemic* - Same as Breakout Session 1 – repeated.

**Lunch 11:45 am - 1:30 pm (on your own)**

**Wednesday, April 26, 2006**  
**Breakout Session 3: 1:30 – 3:00 pm**

**Jane Malpass & Jane Thompson**

**Case Building to Permanence: A Social Work and Legal Guide to Achieving Permanence for Children (Part 1 of 2)**

This two-part session will examine the three major plans for permanence – reunification, adoption, or kinship care – and provide a social work and legal framework for evaluating and achieving the appropriate plan from initial social services intervention throughout the court process. All participants in the juvenile court process including social services, CASA/GAL, courts, parents, attorneys, and community service providers have important roles in this process and must understand the effect the child welfare system has on children and families and the need to balance child protection and preservation of the family with the commitment to permanence.

**Ron Clevenger**

**The Methamphetamine Brain**

Explore the physiological affects of Methamphetamine on children, from conception to birth and throughout childhood. This session will provide an understanding of how Methamphetamine affects the brain and the factors that influence use and abuse of this drug. The medical and biological framework for understanding the devastating effects that METH has on the developing brain of the child will be discussed, as well as Meth's long-term affects.

**Beverly Engel**

**Breaking the Cycle of Abuse: Healing & Prevention**

Those who come from abusive or neglectful backgrounds are generally not offered courses or therapeutic programs that will help them to clear up the debris of their childhood before becoming a spouse or parent. This session will present a comprehensive Healing and Prevention Program that professionals can offer their clients in order to help them avoid becoming abusive, offer assistance to those who have already begun to abuse, and help clients avoid repeated victimization. Those who perpetuate the cycle of neglect and abuse do so because they are out of control and feel they have no other options. This workshop, based on Beverly's book, *Breaking the Cycle of Abuse* (John Wiley and Sons, 2004), will provide short-term and long-term strategies to help clients gain control over their emotions and will offer alternatives to their old ways of reacting to stress, anger, fear, and shame. These strategies will produce immediate, tangible results and can be used immediately. Each participant will go through the program as if they were a client. This "hands on" approach will not only act as a teaching tool but will help professionals face important truths about their own childhood, their denial systems, and their parenting practices.

**Dudley Weeks**

**The Partnership Life Skills**

Have you ever been in a conflicted situation in child welfare? Of course you have! This session will help you explore practical skills critical to effective relationships and conflict resolution. Learn how to create a partnership atmosphere that can be mutually beneficial and productive.

**Kathy Deserly**

**Achieving Permanence for Native American Children Through Custom and Tradition**

Adoption has been a negative word to many Indian people for generations. The word has been tainted by the fact that many tribes have lost their children to adoptive placements – many of them to non-Indian families. Yet adoption is not a new concept to Indian people. By custom and tradition (without the termination of parental rights), as well as by mainstream adoption, many Indian families continue to expand their families through adoption. This workshop will focus on how some tribes are looking toward the past to plan a future for Indian children. Some tribes are incorporating traditional adoptions practices, finding permanence for Indian children in the child welfare system through historical tribal adoptions. Come and learn how adoption by tribal custom and tradition – without termination of parental rights – can be a path to permanency for some Native American children.

**Barbara Sample**

**In-Home Services Training – Visitors**

This session is a training provided specifically for in-home services providers. In-home family workers will have the opportunity to discuss the referrals with which they work, how to build a relationship with and engage the family, improving parenting skills, and addressing the families' needs. Presenters will discuss staffing cases with referring agencies, locating resources and making referrals based on family needs, and responding to crises. Data collection, research, and other paperwork requirement woes will be discussed.

## **Adoption/Foster Care Support Group Panel - Same as Breakout Session 1 – repeated.**

### **Elizabeth Kohlstaedt**

#### *Early Childhood Development: Implications for Court*

Weighing parental rights versus children's needs is a Solomon-like decision for the court, but one that is often forestalled until the child can use language or the parent has failed a sufficient number of times. Yet by then, major damage to the child may already be done. This talk will review early childhood brain development (birth – 3 years) and the permanently debilitating effects of chronic abuse and neglect on the developing child, as well as the effects of intervening or removal of the child. Custodial, visitation, and permanency decisions can be more in the best interest of the child if they take into account issues of brain development, attachment, environment stability, and the cognitive capacity of the child.

**Wednesday, April 26, 2006**

**Breakout Session 4: 3:15 – 4:45 pm**

### **Jane Malpass & Jane Thompson**

#### *Case Building to Permanence: A Social Work and Legal Guide to Achieving Permanence for Children (Part 2 of 2)* *Session 3 continued.*

### **Ron Clevenger**

#### *The Methamphetamine Brain* - Same as Breakout Session 3 – repeated.

### **Beverly Engel**

#### *Parenting the Sexually Abused Child*

Children who have been sexually abused need special help in learning how to cope with their victimization. In order to provide the most positive support possible, parents need help in overcoming their own feelings of shame regarding sexual matters in general and sexual abuse in particular, as well as help in coming out of denial about any experiences of sexual abuse they may have had in childhood. In this workshop, parents and advocates will learn how to help sexually abused children deal with shame, rage, pain, and fear in constructive, positive ways in order to facilitate their healing and to help prevent them from passing on the abuse to other children.

### **Dudley Weeks**

#### *The Partnership Life Skills* - Same as Breakout Session 3 – repeated.

### **Kathy Deserly**

#### *Achieving Permanence for Native American Children Through Custom and Tradition*

Same as Breakout Session 3 – repeated.

### **Barbara Sample**

#### *In-Home Services Training – Supervisors*

This session is a training provided specifically for in-home services providers supervisors. Contractors of family support and preservation services face significant challenges meeting the needs of the contract and the families they serve, as well as conforming to the milieu of the agency itself. This workshop will review the requirements of the federal Adoption and Safe Families Act, the referral process, intensity of services, engagement of difficult families, staffing patterns, on-call, supervision of paraprofessionals, training, liability, and other topics related to successful intervention. Presenters will discuss opportunities for establishing a research-based outcomes-driven model and meeting the oversight needs of case notes.

### **Foster Youth Panel**

Same as Breakout Session 2 – repeated.

### **Elizabeth Kohlstaedt**

#### *Early Childhood Development: Implications for Court* - Same as Breakout Session 3, repeated.

**Wednesday, April 26, 2006**

**Dinner: 4:45 – 7:00 pm (on your own)**

**Reception: 5:30 – 7:00 pm**  
**Hors d'oeuvres & Entertainment**

*Walter Runsabove, Flute Player*

Walter is a self-taught flute player and songwriter. He is presently working on a CD, which should be out later this spring or early summer. Walter has performed on Broadway and at the Myrna Loy Theatre. Most recently, he performed in the Rita Coolidge concert in Great Falls. Walter is also a champion Fancy Dancer on the pow-wow circuit. He started dancing at a very young age. His father, Bill is a champion singer and song-maker, which has influenced Walter's love to dance and sing.

**Keynote Presentation:**  
**7:00 - 8:30 pm**

**Dr. Dudley Weeks**

*Partnering in Conflict:*  
*Principles for Effective Interaction*

In the world of child welfare, it's easy to become frustrated and disillusioned given all of the competing interests of everyone involved. If we are all working towards the same goal, how is it that sometimes it feels like we are all speaking different languages? How can we possibly find a solution that meets all of our needs? Dr. Weeks will present practical principles in this session to empower you to move beyond impasse, deal effectively with immediate conflicts, and build improved relationships that are sustainable and mutually beneficial. His model goes far beyond the traditional "bargaining mediation" approach and builds within the conflict parties the capacity to deal effectively with the roots of a conflict in a sustainable way, not merely "fix" a particular conflict.



**Thursday, April 27, 2006**

**Breakfast: 8:00 - 10:00 am**

*The Celebration of Children Breakfast*

Join us in celebrating and recognizing professionals in the child welfare system that have made a difference! Several Montana dignitary speakers will join us, including Lieutenant Governor John Bohlinger and Supreme Court Justice Jim Rice, who will speak on their vision for our most precious resource, our children. Shirley Brown, CFSD Administrator, will moderate the Breakfast. Also invited are Attorney General Mike McGrath, District Court Judge Jeffrey Sherlock, Mayor Jim Smith, and DPHHS Director Joan Miles. Enjoy a served breakfast and help us celebrate our commitment to Montana's children.

**Keynote Presentation:**  
**10:15 - 11:45 am**

**D.J. Vanas**

Internationally Acclaimed Motivational  
Storyteller

*Keeping the Fires Lit*

Join D.J. for a dynamic session to renew your sense of purpose, passion, and performance as you work to build strong and healthy communities. Using wisdom discovered in traditional Native American ceremonies, you will learn the true purpose of a warrior – not what we see on TV or in movies. Warriors of the past spent their lives developing their talent and abilities to become assets to the village they served. Today that "village" can be your family, community, clients – anyone you serve...and in order to create success within the community, we must first be able to take excellent care of ourselves and "keep our fires lit". In this session, D.J. will show you effective strategies to boost your motivation, stay focused, lower your stress, and keep your spirit strong as you continue to serve others. Get ready to laugh, learn, and look at your life in a whole new light!

**Door Prizes and Adjournment**  
**11:45 am - 12:00 pm**

# **Keynote Speaker Biographies**

**Allison Turkel**, Senior Attorney, Chief of Training, American Prosecutor's Research Institute (APRI) National Center for Prosecution of Child Abuse. As a Senior Attorney, Allison Turkel trains child abuse professionals across the country on the investigation and prosecution of child abuse, computer-facilitated crimes against children, and maltreatment cases. She also provides technical assistance to prosecutors, law enforcement, child protection workers, social workers, and others engaged in the investigation and prosecution of these cases. Prior to coming to the National Center, Allison served as an Assistant District Attorney in the Manhattan District Attorney's Office for nine and a half years. She handled a variety of felony cases including those involving narcotics, child physical and sexual abuse, serious felonies, and homicides. She then became an Assistant State's Attorney in the McLean County, Illinois State's Attorney's Office for a year and a half, where she prosecuted felony domestic violence cases. In both positions Allison was involved in training prosecutors, police officers, social service providers, and others and has taught at the college level. Ms. Turkel graduated from Temple University School of Law in 1987; she is a member of the Pennsylvania, Illinois and New York Bar. Prior to becoming an Assistant District Attorney, she was a police officer for eight years. She served as the Lieutenant in charge of in-house training for five years. Allison was responsible for organizing and planning yearly in-service trainings, bi-annual firearms re-qualification and training, roll-call training, and critical incident assessments as well as providing training on firearms, survival tactics, and law.

**Regina M. Kupecky, LSW** has a Masters degree from John Carroll University. She has worked in the field of adoption for over thirty years. Regina currently works with children with attachment disorder and their families at The Attachment and Bonding Center of Ohio and does training nationally and internationally on many adoption and attachment-related topics. Her services to children were recognized by the Ohio Dept. of Human Services in 1990 when she received the "Adoption Worker of the Year Award." She is the co-author with Dr. Gregory C. Keck of Adopting the Hurt Child and Parenting The Hurt Child. Regina co-authored a chapter with Karen Anderson on infertility issues in Clinical and Practice Issues in Adoption (Groza and Rosenberg editors). With Arleta James and Gregory C. Keck she also co-authored a curriculum entitled Abroad and Back: Parenting and International Adoption as well as a curriculum entitled My Brother, My Sister: Sibling Relations in Adoption and Foster Care. Regina wrote a resource pamphlet Siblings Are Family Too published by the Three Rivers Adoption Council. She has had articles published in Adoptive Family Magazine, Connections, Jewel Among Jewels, ATTACH, and other newsletters.

**Dr. Dudley Weeks** is known worldwide for his work in conflict resolution, society building, human rights, education, nonviolent social change, leadership, youth programs, project planning, community development, service organizations, and other fields. He has worked as a peacebuilder, conflict resolution facilitator/mediator, trainer, and consultant in more than 100 countries and throughout the U.S. He also trains civilian peacebuilders/peacekeepers for service in conflict zones throughout the world. Dr. Weeks holds a Ph.D. in Political Science, and his writings have contributed to many fields. His books include The Eight Essential Steps to Conflict Resolution: Conflict Partnership, The Unsteady State: Environmental Problems, Growth and Culture, Humatriotism, and three collections of his own poetry, So Far To Go When We Get There, On Love and Change and Other Subversive Things, and Through the Mist. Dr. Weeks and his work have been featured in a documentary film produced by the BBC, entitled The Peacemaker, and he has received several international awards, including The United Nations of Youth Peacebuilders Award, and nominations for the Nobel Peace Prize. He is frequently the featured speaker at international conferences, a guest professor at universities, and a TV commentator on social issues. He has appeared on all the major TV networks, *C-SPAN*, *Oprah*, and numerous local media outlets. Dudley is also an award-winning athlete, poet, and songwriter/performer whose one-man shows of music, poetry, drama, and satire have been performed all over the world.

**D.J. Eagle Bear Vanas**, Native Discovery Inc., is a husband, father, internationally acclaimed motivational storyteller and success coach. He is the author of the celebrated book The Tiny Warrior: A Path to Personal Discovery & Achievement which is printed in six countries. D.J. is Odawa Indian from Michigan and uses traditional warrior concepts and wisdom to inspire others to achieve their best in life and career. For over a decade, he has delivered his dynamic programs in 46 states and overseas to over 1,600 audiences including NASA, IBM, Hewlett Packard, and hundreds of tribal governments, communities, and schools. D.J. holds a B.S. from the U.S. Air Force Academy and an M.S. from University of Southern California. After serving ten year as an Air Force officer, he is now the president of his own company, Native Discovery Inc. D.J.'s mission is to "build the warriors of tomorrow...today." His website is [www.nativediscovery.com](http://www.nativediscovery.com).

## **Breakout Presenter Biographies**

**Linda Chezem, JD**, Mooresville, IN, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism creates and provides educational outreach opportunities between health-related research, justice systems, and communities. Chezem holds an appointment as Professor, 4-H Youth, College of Agriculture, Purdue University, an adjunct appointment at the Indiana University School of Medicine in the Department of Medicine, and as an Affiliated Scholar with the Center for Public Health Law Partnerships at the University Of Louisville School Of Medicine. Linda served twenty-two years as a full time judge in Indiana, her first judgeship being in a trial court. She has been appointed as a special judge in over 300 cases serving 25 different counties. In 1988, Chezem was appointed to the Indiana Court of Appeals, Fourth District. She was retained on a statewide yes/no vote in 1992. Chezem has focused on the improvement of adjudication through judicial education. In the course of these efforts Chezem concluded that the abuse and dependence upon alcohol was the nexus of the single largest public health impact in the U.S. Her work includes service on the Indiana Judicial Conference Education Committee (chair: 1990-1993); American

Bar Association, Judicial Administration Division, 1980-1999; and the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, 1982-1998, (Substance Abuse Training Committee: 1987-1993). During her appointment to a National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Judicial Fellowship, (1993-1995), Chezem wrote The Improvement of the Adjudication of Driving Under the Influence. Chezem has received numerous honors and awards for her work over the years. Chezam has also written numerous publications for a variety of places to include but not limited to Indiana University, The Counterdrug Technology Assessment Center at the Office of the National Drug Control Policy, We LEAD Online Magazine, the State of Washington, the Public Health Law Association, the State of Arizona, the Institute for Bioethics, Health Policy and Law, the University of Louisville and Alcohol Research and Health.

**Randi Hankins, LCSW** is an Associate Professor of Social Work in the Masters of Social Work program at Walla Walla College, Missoula, MT. Randi teaches at College Place, Missoula and Billings campuses. She maintains a full clinical practice on the Crisis Response Unit in Southeastern Washington. Randi is certified as a County Designated Mental Health Professional, a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker, a Child Mental Health Specialist, and a Developmental Disabilities Mental Health Specialist in WA State. Randi returns to our Conference for her third year in a row as her sessions on medications continue to be in high demand and requested by participants year after year!

**Andrea Hammond, JD** is the Executive Director for the Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence, Helena, MT. Andrea has accumulated over 14 years experience in the domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse fields. Her experience as a family violence prosecutor, women and children's direct service advocate, and as one of the key personnel who designed the Safe Starts interventions programming nationally for children exposed to domestic violence makes her well versed in the long lasting effects that experiencing trauma can have on children's development. Her long-standing role as an advocate, grants manager and program developer add to her ability to provide training and technical assistance to family and sexual violence advocates throughout Montana.

**Karen Lane, MEd** is the Montana State Coordinator for DELTA (Domestic Violence Prevention Enhancements and Leadership Through Alliances). She collaborates with prevention partners at the local, state and national levels. She draws on her education and over 25 years experience as a domestic violence advocate, community mental health counselor, researcher, college and grade school teacher, non-profit manager/fundraiser to provide training and technical assistance. On the staff of the Montana Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence in Helena, she promotes primary prevention of Intimate Partner Violence with a focus on keeping the violence from happening in the first place.

**Diane Baird, LCSW** is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker from Denver, CO with 30 years of experience in child welfare. She holds a bachelor's degree in education and earned her MSW from Tulane University Graduate School of Social Work in New Orleans in 1981. Diane has worked in the child welfare departments as a worker and supervisor, and was employed at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center at the Kempe National Center for the Prevention and Treatment of Child Abuse and Neglect from 1986 to 1997, where she learned, worked and studied with many of the finest scholars and clinicians in the field. She served as Clinical Director for a small Child Placement Agency for several years and now works full time in private practice in the Denver area. Diane's theoretical base is grounded in attachment theory and child development, family dynamics and ego psychology. Clinical work occupies approximately one third of her professional time, and she is endlessly intrigued by the complexities of parent-child relationships, especially in infancy and toddlerhood. Ms. Baird has consultation contracts with a variety of agencies, including the Jefferson County Department of Health and Environment, Lutheran Family Services of Colorado, the Colorado State Department of Human Services, and county departments of human services. She is devoted to sharing what she has learned and regularly teaches at gatherings of all disciplines, including the Judiciary, county attorneys, guardians ad litem, CASA volunteers, child welfare workers, university classes, law students, visitation specialists, and just about anybody who asks!

**Nancy Underwood-Long**, Washington State Community Relations Coordinator, Families for Kids ([www.familiesforkids.org](http://www.familiesforkids.org)), A Program of Lutheran Community Services Northwest, Everett, WA has worked for Families for Kids for 5 years in a variety of positions. In her current position, she develops business and community partnerships to benefit abused and neglected children. Nancy became a foster parent when the best friend of her oldest daughter "needed a place to stay". Nancy and Greg epitomize the Families for Kids motto: "Room for one more". Nancy's professional and educational background is in product marketing. She left the Seattle dot.com arena in 2001 and has never looked back. Nancy is a member of several Washington State County Methamphetamine Action Teams in Washington and is a member of Attorney General R. McKenna's Meth Task Force. She has been conducting trainings for non-profit and for-profit agencies for 3 years on the Meth Epidemic, including the Washington Association of Pupil Transportation (WAPT), Washington State Public Utility Districts, and Department of Social and Health Services staff and foster and adoptive parent support groups. Nancy's presentation includes a 66 page Power Point Presentation with accompanying resource literature from the Washington state Drug Clearinghouse along with the Drug Endangered Children Protocol and information from the National Nursing Association on the affects of Meth poisoning for children.

**Jane Malpass, MA** holds a masters degree in counseling and has thirty years experience in the child welfare field, as a social worker, supervisor, director of a family violence shelter, trainer, and consultant. She was a social work consultant for the North Carolina Division of Social Services from 1980 until 2003, providing consultation and training in all areas of child welfare services for the county Department of Social Services. Ms. Malpass has been a regular presenter at the juvenile law training of district court judges and many

statewide conferences. In addition, she has been a presenter at annual conferences of the National CASA Association since 1992, as well as over a dozen state CASA Association conferences. Presently, she works as a consultant for county departments of social services and a licensed child-placing agency, Another Choice for Black Children. Her husband is the Guardian ad Litem Administrator for a North Carolina Judicial District. They are the parents of six children, three of whom are adopted. She and Jane Thompson are the authors of The Myth of Best Interest: Why Good Intentions Are Not Enough, a guide to building a case for permanence for all children in the child welfare system.

**Jane Thompson, JD** holds a law degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Since 1981 she has served as a child welfare attorney with the North Carolina Attorney General’s office. In that position she consults with and trains 33 county departments of social services on all aspects of child welfare law and has litigated dozens of juvenile trial court and appellate cases. Jane has provided mandated legal aspects of child welfare training for NC social workers and currently provides training on legal aspects of adoption to both social workers and clerks of court. She has served on the North Carolina Supreme Court Permanent Families Task Force and the Adoption Study Commission of the North Carolina General Assembly. Ms. Thompson served on the drafting committee that rewrote North Carolina’s adoption law in 1996. She is active with the North Carolina Association of Social Services Attorney’s, serves on the Court Improvement Project legislation committee, and is a regular presenter at juvenile law certification training for district court judges. Along with Jane Malpass she has presented at National CASA conferences since 1992 and numerous state CASA association conferences. Jane is the parent of two adopted daughters.

**Ronald Clevenger, CLS, MT (ASCP), BAT** holds a BS Degree in Microbiology from Montana State University, a MT Degree from St. James Hospital, Butte, MT, is BAT Certified, and is a Montana State Licensed Clinical Laboratory Scientist. He is currently the Clinical Specialist of Hematology at St. Peter’s Hospital. He previously owned and operated Drug Information Systems, Inc. and continues to be a consultant for this company. Ron’s professional mission is to provide scientific based information to parents, health care workers, employers, government officials, and the general public about drugs of use and drugs of abuse. He has presented numerous lectures on drugs of abuse to students, parent groups, employers, healthcare workers, and the general public. Ron has testified as an expert witness on drugs of abuse in numerous trials and hearings. Ron has published Parents Guide to Drugs of Abuse, “Hidden Drugs”, Drugs that Can Not Be Routinely Analyzed For and is currently working on a publication entitled “Meth Mania”.

**Beverly Engel, M.A., M.F.T., DAPA** is an internationally recognized expert in sexual and emotional abuse. A licensed Marriage and Family Therapist for 29 years, she is the author of 18 self-help books dealing with abuse, recovery, relationships and parenting issues. Her best-selling books include: The Right to Innocence: Healing the Trauma of Childhood Sexual Abuse, The Emotionally Abused Woman, The Emotionally Abusive Relationship, and Loving Him without Losing You. She currently has two new books out: Breaking the Cycle of Abuse, and Healing Your Emotional Self: A Powerful Program to Help You Raise Your Self-Esteem, Quiet Your Inner Critic, and Overcome Your Shame. Beverly conducts workshops and professional training programs throughout the U.S. and has appeared on many national television programs, including *Oprah*, *Donahue*, *Ricki Lake*, *Starting Over*, and CNN. She was recently awarded Diplomat status in the American Psychotherapy Association (APA) due to her extensive training and expertise in the therapeutic process.

**Kathy Deserly**, has worked in the field of Indian Child Welfare since 1981. She spent twelve years as assistant director of a Native American foster family agency in Southern California and later worked five years with the National Indian Child Welfare Association. From 1996 – 2000 Kathy was Montana’s Indian Child Welfare Act Specialist. She has been a private consultant since 2003.

**Barbara Sample, MS ED**, recipient of the governor’s award for innovative interventions, is the founder and director of Family Support Network in Billings. As one of the original Partnership to Strengthen Families sites, she developed the paraprofessional intervention for children and families at-risk for and involved with Child Protective Services. Family Support Network also initiated supervised visitation at the agency. Ms. Sample is certified as a Family Development Specialist by the University of Iowa Family Resource Center. In recent years, FSN has received several commendations for successful family interventions.

**Elizabeth Kohlstaedt, Ph.D.**, is a licensed psychologist and has been the clinical director of Intermountain Children’s Home and Services for the past 15 years. Dr. Kohlstaedt received a BA in German from Purdue University, an MS in linguistics from Indiana University, an MA in physiological psychology from Arizona State University and a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from University of Montana. She has served as adjunct faculty at Syracuse University, has trained medical interns from Upstate New York Medical Center, and has trained psychology, social work, and counseling interns from around Montana and around the country. Dr. Kohlstaedt has appeared on *Prime Time Live*, *National Public Radio*, and in the *Los Angeles Times* discussing attachment disorders and has trained staff, parents and professionals around the country on issues of attachment, child development, and trauma.



# Children Are...

AMAZING, Acknowledge Them.

BELIEVABLE, Trust Them.

CHILDLIKE, Allow Them.

DIVINE, Honor Them.

ENERGETIC, Nourish Them.

FALLIBLE, Embrace Them.

GIFTS, Treasure Them.

HERE NOW, Be With Them.

INNOCENT, Delight With Them.

JOYFUL, Appreciate Them.

KINDHEARTED, Learn From Them.

LOVABLE, Cherish Them.

MAGICAL, Fly With Them.

NOBLE, Esteem Them.

OPEN MINDED, Respect Them.

PRECIOUS, Value Them.

QUESTIONERS, Encourage Them.

RESOURCEFUL, Support Them.

SPONTANEOUS, Enjoy Them.

TALENTED, Believe in Them.

UNIQUE, Affirm Them.

VULNERABLE, Protect Them.

WHOLE, Recognize Them.

XTRASPECIAL, Celebrate Them.

YEARNING, Notice Them.

ZANY, Laugh With Them.

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Written by Meiji Stewart



## REGISTRATION FORM

# The 2006 Annual Prevent Child Abuse and Neglect Conference "Weaving a Community of Prevention" Red Lion Colonial Inn, Helena, MT April 25- April 27, 2006

**TO REGISTER:** Please complete the information on both pages of this form and mail to:  
*DPHHS/CFSD, ATTN: Kathy Munson, PO Box 8005, Helena, MT 59604-8005*

*Deadline for registration is April 17, 2005.*

**RATES:** Registration is **\$65.00** per person, which includes all Conference events. The registration fee is waived for foster and adoptive parents.

**LATE FEE:** **\$10.00 in addition to the \$65.00 rate for registrations received after April 17th.**

*Please check the following that apply to you:*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> CFSD Staff  | <input type="checkbox"/> Foster/Adoptive Parent | <input type="checkbox"/> In-Home Services Contractor  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CASA        | <input type="checkbox"/> FCRC Member            | <input type="checkbox"/> Children's Trust Fund Member |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GAL         | <input type="checkbox"/> CPT Member             | <input type="checkbox"/> Advisory Council Member      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DV Provider | <input type="checkbox"/> Therapist/Counselor    | <input type="checkbox"/> Other                        |

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Please make checks payable to DPHHS-CFSD)

Direct Bill hotel reservations MUST be made through Kathy Munson by calling 406-444-4192.

Those eligible for a direct bill room are the following: CFSD staff, foster/adoptive parents, in-home contractors, CPT or FCRC members or Advisory Council members. Please indicate your arrival and departure dates below.  
If you are one of these people and do not contact Kathy Munson, you must pay for your room upfront.

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Accommodations: State rate rooms for other reservations are available on a first-come, first-serve basis at the following hotels: Red Lion Colonial Hotel, 406-443-2100, Fairfield Inn, 406-449-9944, Mountain Valley Inn & Suites, 406-443-2300, Days Inn, 406-442-3280.

Registration form continued on next page . . .

## Registration Form, Page 2 of 2

### **Limited seating is available for the luncheon and breakfast.**

Please let us know if you plan on attending so that we can get an accurate count and adequately prepare for these functions. Thank you!

Please specify if you have any special needs that require accommodation: \_\_\_\_\_

### **I plan on attending the following:**

- ☐ Tuesday Luncheon – 11:30am – 1:30pm
- ☐ Wednesday Evening Reception – 5:30pm – 7:00pm
- ☐ Thursday Celebration of Children Breakfast – 8:00am – 10:00am

\*You must sign up to attend; late registrations will not be accepted for these events.



*Please indicate which sessions below you will be attending:*

### **TUESDAY KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS:** *(please check if you will be attending)*

\_\_\_ Unto the Third Generation, Allison Turkel  
(2:00 – 4:45 PM)

\_\_\_ My Brother, My Sister, Regina Kupecky  
(7:00 – 8:30 PM)

**Please indicate which of the following breakout sessions you wish to attend, as seating is limited.**

***Make three choices in each Session, numbering them 1 for your first preference, 2 for your second and 3 for your third.***

### **WENESDAY MORNING**

#### **1st Session (8:30 – 10:00)**

- \_\_\_ Working with the Alcoholic Adult; L. Chezem
- \_\_\_ My Brother, My Sister; R. Kupecky **1 of 2**
- \_\_\_ Preparing Children for Court; A. Turkel
- \_\_\_ Medication's Brave New World, R. Hankins
- \_\_\_ The War at Home, A. Hammond & K. Lane
- \_\_\_ Adoption/Foster Care Support Group Panel
- \_\_\_ Visitations in Child Welfare, D. Baird **1 of 2**
- \_\_\_ The Meth Epidemic, N. Underwood-Long

#### **2nd Session (10:15 – 11:45)**

- \_\_\_ Working with the Alcoholic Adult; L. Chezem
- \_\_\_ My Brother, My Sister; R. Kupecky **2 of 2**
- \_\_\_ Recantation in Child Abuse Cases; A. Turkel
- \_\_\_ Medication's Brave New World, R. Hankins
- \_\_\_ The War at Home, A. Hammond & K. Lane
- \_\_\_ Foster Youth Panel
- \_\_\_ Visitations in Child Welfare, D. Baird **2 of 2**
- \_\_\_ The Meth Epidemic, N. Underwood-Long

### **WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON**

#### **3rd Session (1:30 – 3:00)**

- \_\_\_ Case Building, J. Malpass & J. Thompson **1 of 2**
- \_\_\_ The Methamphetamine Brain, R. Clevenger
- \_\_\_ Breaking the Cycle of Abuse, B. Engel
- \_\_\_ The Partnership Life Skills, D. Weeks
- \_\_\_ Achieving Permanence for NA Children, K. Deserly
- \_\_\_ In Home Services Training – Visitors, B. Sample
- \_\_\_ Adoption/Foster Care Support Group Panel
- \_\_\_ Early Child Development, E. Kohlstaedt

#### **4th Session (3:15 – 4:45)**

- \_\_\_ Case Building, J. Malpass & J. Thompson **2 of 2**
- \_\_\_ The Methamphetamine Brain, R. Clevenger
- \_\_\_ Parenting the Sexually Abused Child, B. Engel
- \_\_\_ The Partnership Life Skills, D. Weeks
- \_\_\_ Achieving Permanence for NA Children, K. Deserly
- \_\_\_ In Home Services Training, Supervisors, B. Sample
- \_\_\_ Foster Youth Panel
- \_\_\_ Early Child Development, E. Kohlstaedt

### **WEDNESDAY EVENING KEYNOTE PRESENTATION:** *(please check if you will be attending)*

\_\_\_ Partnering in Conflict; Dudley Weeks (7:00 – 8:30 PM)

### **THURSDAY KEYNOTE PRESENTATION:** *(please check if you will be attending)*

\_\_\_ Keeping the Fires Lit; DJ Vanas (10:15 – 11:45 AM)

**The following continuing education credits are being applied for: CLE, POST, OPI, LCSW & LCPC CEU**

# 2006 CONFERENCE AT-A-GLANCE

	Time	Event
TUESDAY April 25	8:00 AM - all day	<b>Registration &amp; Sign Up for Continuing Education Credits - Continues each day.</b>
	11:30 AM - 1:45 PM	<b>Luncheon</b>
	12:00 AM - 1:00 PM	<b>Entertainment - <i>Allegro School of Dance</i></b>
	1:45 PM - 2:00 PM	Break
	2:00 PM - 4:45 PM	<b>Keynote Speaker: Allison Turkel - What You Do Does Matter: Unto the Third Generation, A Call to End Child Abuse in the United States Within 120 Years</b>
	3:15 PM - 3:30 PM	Break
	4:45 PM - 7:00 PM	Dinner (on your own)
	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	<b>Keynote Speaker: Regina Kupecky - My Brother, My Sister: Sibling Relations in Adoption &amp; Foster Care</b>
WEDNESDAY April 26	8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	<b>Breakout Sessions:</b>
		1. Linda Chezem - Working With the Alcoholic Adult in Child Protection
		2. Regina Kupecky - My Brother, My Sister: Sibling Relations in Adoption & Foster Care <b>PART 1 of 2</b>
		3. Allison Turkel - Preparing Children for Court... and the Court for Children
		4. Randi Hankins - Medication's Brave New World: Second Generation Neuroleptics With Children & Adolescents
		5. Andrea Hammond & Karen Lane - The War at Home: The Effects of Domestic Violence on Children
		6. Adoption/Foster Care Support Group Panel
		7. Diane Baird - Visitations in Child Welfare – Building Health vs. Reinforcing Pathology <b>PART 1 of 2</b>
		8. Nancy Underwood Long - The Meth Epidemic
	10:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Break
	10:15 AM - 11:45 AM	<b>Breakout Sessions:</b>
		1. Linda Chezem - Working With the Alcoholic Adult in Child Protection
		2. Regina Kupecky - My Brother, My Sister: Sibling Relations in Adoption & Foster Care <b>PART 2 of 2</b>
		3. Allison Turkel - When a Child Takes it Back: Recantation in Child Abuse Cases
		4. Randi Hankins - Medication's Brave New World: Second Generation Neuroleptics With Children & Adolescents
		5. Andrea Hammond & Karen Lane - The War at Home: The Effects of Domestic Violence on Children
		6. Foster Youth Panel
		7. Diane Baird - Visitations in Child Welfare – Building Health vs. Reinforcing Pathology <b>PART 2 of 2</b>
		8. Nancy Underwood Long - The Meth Epidemic
	11:45 AM - 1:30 PM	Lunch (on your own)
	1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	<b>Breakout Sessions:</b>
		1. Jane Malpass & Jane Thompson - Case Building to Permanence: A Social Work & Legal Guide <b>PART 1 of 2</b>
		2. Ron Clevenger - The Methamphetamine Brain
		3. Beverly Engel - Breaking the Cycle of Abuse: Healing & Prevention
		4. Dudley Weeks - The Partnership Life Skills
		5. Kathy Deserly - Achieving Permanence for Native American Children Through Custom & Tradition
		6. Barbara Sample - In Home Services Training - Visitors
		7. Adoption/Foster Care Support Group Panel
		8. Elizabeth Kohlstaedt - Early Child Development: Implications for Court
	3:00 PM - 3:15 PM	Break
	3:15 PM - 4:45 PM	<b>Breakout Sessions:</b>
		1. Jane Malpass & Jane Thompson - Case Building to Permanence: A Social Work & Legal Guide <b>PART 2 of 2</b>
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	4:45 PM - 7:00 PM	Dinner (on your own)
	5:30 PM - 7:00 PM	<b>Reception, Hors d'oeuvres &amp; Entertainment - <i>Walter Runs Above, Flute Player</i></b>
	7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	<b>Keynote Session: Dudley Weeks - Partnering in Conflict: Principles for Effective Interaction</b>
THURSDAY April 27	8:00 AM - 10:00 AM	<b>The Celebration of Children Breakfast with Dignitary Speakers &amp; Awards</b>
	10:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Break
	10:15 AM - 11:45 AM	<b>Keynote Session - D.J. Vanas - Keeping the Fires Lit</b>
	11:45 AM - 12:00 PM	<b>Door Prizes &amp; Adjournment</b>

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